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SUBJECT: KENYA NAVY RECEIVES NEW PATROL BOATS

1. DELIVERY OF THREE NEW PATROL BOATS TO KENYA NAVY WAS MADE RECENTLY IN UK, AND BOATS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE MOMBASA NEXT WEEK. NEW BOATS ARE OF "MAMBA" CLASS AND BRING TOTAL STRENGTH OF KENYA NAVY TO 7 PATROL BOATS.

2. KENYANS SENT OFFICERS AND CREWS TO UK TO BRING NEW BOATS TO MOMBASA. CLEARANCE HAD BEEN REQUESTED FOR PORT VISIT AT PORT SAID, BUT EGYPT REFUSED VISIT. ALTHOUGH GOE GAVE NO EXPLANATION, KENYAN NAVY BELIEVES EGYPTIAN REFUSAL IS SIGN OF DISPLEASURE OVER ALLEGED KENYAN COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL DURING ENTEBBE RESCUE.

3. KENYAN BOATS ARE VISITING MASSAWA, ETHIOPIA, THIS WEEK. COMMANDER OF KENYA NAVY FLEW TO ETHIOPIA TO JOIN THEM, USING THE PORT CALL AS OPPORTUNITY TO PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO ETHIOPIAN COUNTERPART. BECAUSE OF
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HAS BEEN CANCELLED ON THE GROUNDS THAT ANTI-ETHIOPIAN SENTIMENT IN TFAI MIGHT BE DIRECTED AGAINST KENYANS.

4. WITH ARRIVAL OF NEW BOATS, AND RESULTANT EXPANSION OF PERSONNEL, KENYAN NAVAL OFFICERS ARE HOPING THAT ENTIRE RANK STRUCTURE WILL BE UPGRADED. COMMANDER OF THE NAVY WOULD BE PROMOTED FROM LT. COL. TO COL., AND SEVERAL MAJORS WOULD BECOME LT. COLS. APPROVAL OF UPGRADING MUST COME FROM PRESIDENT KENYATTA.
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